

REMARKS

Claims 31-49 and 67-96 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 31-44, for examination. Accordingly, applicants expressly reserve their rights to file one or more divisional applications for the inventions of the claims of the other Groups at an appropriate time.

In addition, applicants elect the specific species of 1-e, SEQ ID NO: 5. Claim 31 is generic and claim 33 is specific to the elected species. Thus, claims 31-33 and 36-44 should be under active examination at this time.


Applicants agree that upon the allowance of a generic claim they are entitled to additional species claims. The Examiner is reminded that if the elected species cannot be found after a prior art search, then the search must be expanded to include other species, e.g., those defined by other SEQ ID Nos.

Also, the applicants have amended claim 45 and added new claims 67-96 all of which recite methods that depend directly or indirectly to claim 31. Although claims 45-59 and 67-96 are currently withdrawn from consideration, these claims should be re-joined and allowed when claim 31 is allowed.

Any further questions regarding this matter can be directed to the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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